

# **STATE ELECTRICAL APPRENTICESHIP COMMITTEE (SEAC)**

## **MINUTES**

May 5, 2023

**Call to Order: 1:00 P.M.**

The SEAC meeting was held at the Department of Commerce and via zoom. Chairman, Richard Geraci, presided over the meeting.

### **Members present:**

Richard Geraci  
Richard Shelton  
Roger Chaple  
Keith Davis  
Brian Williams  
Charles Blaty

### **Member(s) absent:**

None

### **Ex-Officio Member(s) Present:**

Derrick Daniels- Program Advisor OSD  
Don Bellcock - Program Advisor OSD

### **Guests in Attendance:**

David Gray- AR DOLL

### **Approval of Minutes from April 7, 2023:**

- Minutes were reviewed. After a motion by Chaple and a Second by Shelton. Minutes were approved as written.

### **New Business:**

- (00:01:45 Minute Mark)  
Roger brought up that the SPAC had approved new curriculum at yesterday's SPAC meeting. He mentioned that it was a required to be used. Derrick informed the committee that the curriculum was only approved for CT reimbursement and that there was not a requirement that all plumbing schools have to use it. It would still be up to each program to decide which curriculum they want to use.

### **Experienced Credit:**

- (00:17:52 Minute Mark)  
Kody Wright- Conway – Asking for 3 years. (Motion by Roger and a second by Davis. Approved for 1 year.)
- (00:10:50 Minute Mark)  
Barrett Kilgore- Ace- Asking for 1 year. (Tabled for license information from Texas.
- (00:24:50 Minute Mark) (Roger Abstained)  
Julie Campbell- Ace- Asking for 2 years. (Motion by Shelton and a second by Blaty. Approved for 2 years.) (Roger Abstained)

### **Reports:**

- (00:40:00 minute mark) Cynthia McLain is unavailable.  
Committee reviewed the numbers. Numbers as of April 30, 2023. new apprentices +227 (1,532), total apprentices 8,130 (+27), suspended +1 (14), cancellations +103 (908), completed +85 (442). Derrick informed the committee that a comment was made at yesterday's AACSC meeting that the employer number is not accurate and that programs are not required to input that info into Rapids.
- (00:47:28 minute mark)  
AR DOLL: David Gray  
Nothing exciting going on at this time. He said Lindsay Moore has been made Director of Codes. An apprentice can be approved for test and take the exam in a matter of a couple of weeks. He was asking that going forward people use the new affidavit on AR DOLL's website so that it has the current address info on it. He also wanted to discuss the Russellville program. He had ran into apprentices that did not have their license and had been attending long enough that they should have their license. Geraci asked Derrick if there was anything that he could do. He informed them that the rules do not have anything in them that would allow them to take any real action. He had informed US DOL of the issues that have been going at Russellville. Had one issue with a transfer and as of last week talked to an apprentice that was having issues getting their hours and that his employer has pulled all of their apprentices from the program. He thinks that an update of the rules could be done to address these issues. OSD has already decommitted their funding for FY23 in January.
- (00:58:15 minute mark)  
OSD-OA Report: Derrick Daniels  
Year slowing down. The AACSC approved the way the remaining TA funds will be disbursed out to all programs based on the percentage that can be applied to all programs. TA funds get sent back to the general revenue fund if not expended. CT funds continue to build up. OSD needs to be able to show a need for more funds for TA. We have more apprentices this year than what we had in the past. Conversation will be taking place this month about the funding guidelines. CT funds have already been approved to move to 100% reimbursement after being able to do it this year.

### **Old Business:**

- (00:00:00 Minute Mark)  
No information from AR DOLL as of now. Tabled until info is made available.

### **Adjourn:**

- 2:10 PM. Shelton motioned for meeting to be adjourned.

### **Next Meeting**

- Date: June 2, 2023
- Arkansas Department of Commerce, unless otherwise notified.